

NORTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1958.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY:

Medical Officer of Health:

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Public Health Inspector (and Surveyor):

W. V. HARGREAVE, M.A.P.H.I.
(Deceased)

Royal Sanitary Institute Certificates:-

1. Sanitary Inspector.
 2. Meat and Other Foods.
 3. Sanitary Science as applied to
buildings and public works.
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Additional Public Health Inspector:

A. PARTINGTON, M.A.P.H.I.

Royal Sanitary Institute Certificate -

Meat and other foods.
(Resigned 16.2.58.)

Clerk:

MISS E. BOWES.



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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour of presenting for your consideration my Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of your District for the year 1958.

The year was marred by the sudden death in December of Mr. Hargreave, the Council's Public Health Inspector and Surveyor. His special interest was in housing and a very comprehensive survey of the housing conditions had been made under his supervision. There is no doubt that the housing survey records will be of great value for many years to come. The facts and figures in the report of the Public Health Inspector have been provided by Miss Bowes.

In 1956, very limited supplies of a vaccine for protection against poliomyelitis became available. By the end of 1958 vaccine was readily available for all between the ages of six months and twenty-five years and to certain priority classes including expectant mothers. Further reference is to be found in the report.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking members of the Public Health and Housing Committee for their support during the year and the staff of all departments for their co-operation and assistance.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Wm WILSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (in acres)	94,132.
Number of inhabited houses (estimate)	2,508.
Registrar-General's estimate of home population	7,410.
Rateable Value	£44,064.
Sum represented by a penny rate	£170.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.

	M.	F.	Total	
Legitimate	64	65	129	
Illegitimate	2	3	5	
	<u>66</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>134</u>	
Live Births	...	...	...	134.
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	18.08
Still-Births	...	...	...	4
Still-Births Rate per 1,000 live and still-births	...	...	...	28.98
Total live and still-births	...	...	...	138
Infant deaths	...	...	...	5
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	37.31
Legitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births				38.76
Illegitimate infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births				- Nil.
Neo-natal mortality (first four weeks) - rate per 1,000 live births				37.31
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births		...	...	3.73
Maternal deaths (including abortion)				- Nil.
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still-births				- Nil.

Deaths.

	M.	F.	Total	
	57	31	88	
Death Rate per 1,000				11.88
Deaths from Heart Disease	23	8	31	
Rate per 1,000 of the population				4.18
Deaths from Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	5	5	10	
Rate per 1,000 of the population				1.35
Deaths from Cancer	10	4	14	
Rate per 1,000 of the population				1.89

Comparative Table of Birth and Death Rates
during the Year 1958.

Area	Live Births	Deaths	Deaths of children Under one year of age per 1,000 registered live births.
	(Rates per 1,000 civilian population)		
England and Wales	16.4	11.7	22.5
Administrative County	15.43	11.70	22.32
M.B.s and U.D.s	15.07	12.02	20.43
R.D.s	16.02	10.45	24.20

Table of Birth, Death and Infant Mortality Rates.

Year	Crude Birth Rate	Corrected Birth Rate	Crude Death Rate	Corrected Death Rate	Infant Mortality
1948	20.6	-----	11.5	-----	13.6
1949	20.3	-----	15.4	-----	34.7
1950	15.2	17.9	11.1	10.1	54.0
1951	21.0	24.8	12.7	11.6	44.0
1952	19.1	22.5	11.9	10.8	34.5
1953	16.39	19.3	10.8	9.8	24.2
1954	15.80	17.1	9.16	8.6	16.8
1955	19.17	20.70	10.65	10.02	41.7
1956	15.01	16.21	12.33	12.58	17.86
1957	15.27	17.09	13.25	13.53	16.95
1958	18.08	19.35	11.88	12.12	37.31

Table Showing Causes of Death in Norton R.D.C., 1958.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total.</u>
All Causes	57	31	88
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-	1
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	-	3
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-	-	-
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	7	4	11
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-	1
16. Diabetes	-	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	5	10
18. Coronary disease, angina	11	-	11
19. Hypertension with heart disease	2	2	4
20. Other heart disease	10	6	16
21. Other circulatory disease	5	1	6
22. Influenza	-	2	2
23. Pneumonia	1	3	4
24. Bronchitis	1	3	4
25. Other diseases of respiratory system ...	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	6	3	9
33. Motor vehicle accidents	-	1	1
34. All other accidents	1	1	2
35. Suicide	1	-	1
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-

Table showing Age and Sex Distribution of Deaths, 1958.

					<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 -	1 year	...	...	...	5	-	5
1 -	4 years	...	...	...	-	1	1
5 -	14 years	...	...	...	-	-	-
15 -	24 years	...	...	...	-	-	-
25 -	44 years	...	...	...	3	-	3
45 -	54 years	...	...	...	4	2	6
55 -	64 years	...	...	...	11	6	17
65 -	74 years	...	...	...	13	8	21
75+	years	...	...	...	21	14	35
Totals:					57	31	88

Table showing Age and Sex Distribution of Deaths from Malignant Disease.

					<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 -	1 year	...	...	...	-	-	-
1 -	4 years	...	...	...	-	-	-
5 -	14 years	...	...	...	-	-	-
15 -	24 years	...	...	...	-	-	-
25 -	44 years	...	...	...	-	-	-
45 -	54 years	...	...	...	-	-	-
55 -	64 years	...	...	...	2	-	2
65 -	74 years	...	...	...	4	1	5
75+	years	...	...	...	4	3	7
					10	4	14

Prevalence of, and Control Over Infectious Disease.

Cases of Infectious Disease (excluding Tuberculosis) notified during the year:-

Acute Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	1 (Nil)
Dysentery	Nil (12)
Erysipelas	1 (Nil)
Food Poisoning	Nil (7)
Measles	10 (185)
Pneumonia	Nil (5)
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Nil (2)
Scarlet Fever	9 (3)
Whooping Cough	4 (5)

(Cases occurring in 1957 are shown in parenthesis)

Cases of infectious disease are admitted, when hospital treatment is necessary, to the Isolation Hospitals at York, Scarborough or Bridlington.

Tuberculosis.

One new case of Tuberculosis was notified or came to notice during the year.

There was one death from pulmonary tuberculosis.

At the end of 1958, cases on the Tuberculosis Register were as follows:-

Pulmonary Males	18 cases.
Non-Pulmonary Males	2 cases.
Pulmonary Females	16 cases.
Non-Pulmonary Females	<u>3</u> cases.
Total:	<u>39</u> cases.

Vaccination against Smallpox.

The following table shows the number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during the year 1958:

Age at Date of Vaccination:	Under 1	1 year	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Totals
Number vaccinated	75	-	-	1	-	76
Number revaccinated	-	-	-	2	6	8

Immunisation against Diphtheria.

The figures for immunisation carried out during the year are as follows:-

Primary Immunisation.

Under 5	5 - 14	Total	Reinforcing Injections
103	3	106	11

Of the 103 children under five years of age who are shown as having been immunised against Diphtheria, 101 were at the same time immunised against Whooping Cough.

The following table shows the position as regards the total number of children who have been immunised at any one time, and also as regards those who have been immunised or re-immunised during the last five years.

Number of children who received primary or re-inforcing injections within the last 5 years (1954-58)			Number of children under 15 immunised more than 5 yrs ago (1944-53)	Total Number of Children Immunised 1944-58
Aged Under 5	Aged 5 to 14	Total	1,046	1,648
370	232	602		

Protection against Poliomyelitis.

In 1956, a British vaccine for protection against Poliomyelitis became available and parents of children born between 1947 and 1954 were invited to register. In May and November sufficient vaccine was received to enable 10% of those registered to be given two doses.

In May, 1957, the Minister of Health decided to extend the offer of registration to those children born in 1955 and 1956. Few of these children were vaccinated during the year as the supplies of vaccine received were only sufficient to deal with registrations submitted in the previous year. In November, 1957, the Minister announced that it was proposed to import supplies of Salk vaccine from the United States and Canada during 1958 and in anticipation of this vaccination was available to all children born from 1943. During 1958, Salk vaccine was readily available and the waiting list was reduced to a minimum.

In September, 1958, the scheme was extended to include young adults up to the age of twenty-five years. It was also recommended that a third injection should be offered not less than seven months after the second injection to re-inforce and prolong the degree of immunity given by two injections.

At the end of the year the acceptance rate for children under fifteen years was approximately 62%. The response from young persons aged between fifteen and twenty-five years was most disappointing.

From the introduction of the scheme until December, 1958, 1,229 children living in the Rural District had received two injections against poliomyelitis.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT.

Nursing.

A domiciliary nursing and midwifery service is available throughout the district, as part of the County Council's scheme under the National Health Service Act.

District Nurse/Midwives are stationed at Norton, Sherburn, Scagglethorpe and Wetwang.

Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological samples are examined at the Public Health Laboratories situated at Northallerton and Hull.

Routine samples of water are sent to the Laboratory at Hull for examination.

Ambulance Service.

Ambulances based at Scarborough, Filey and Malton are available and a car for sitting cases is sited at Weaverthorpe.

Treatment Centres and Clinics.

Child Welfare Clinics are held each month at Sherburn and Rillington.

An Ophthalmic Clinic is held monthly in Norton.

Clinics for the treatment of venereal disease are held each week at York and Scarborough.

Hospitals.

General medical and surgical cases are admitted to hospitals at Malton, Drifffield, Scarborough and York.

Maternity cases are admitted to the Westow Croft Nursing Home, Westow.

National Assistance Act, 1948.

It has not been necessary to take any action under Section 47 of this Act during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

Water to the greater part of the District is supplied from four major regional schemes as follows:-

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| Sherburn Regional | - Sherburn, Willerby, Ganton,
East and West Heslerton,
East and West Knapton. |
| Wharram Regional | - Wharram, Duggleby, Kirby
Grindalythe, East and West
Luttons, Helperthorpe,
Weaverthorpe, Foxholes. |
| Wintringham Regional | - Wintringham, Rillington,
Scagglethorpe, Scampston,
Thorpe Bassett, North
Grimston, Settrington. |
| Acklam Regional | - Acklam, Scrayingham,
Leppington, Westow,
Howsham, Burythorpe,
Langton. |

Samples of water are submitted for bacteriological examination at intervals.

(Report prepared by Miss Bowes from records kept by the late Mr. Hargreave).

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA.

Notices served:-

Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	60.
Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	Nil.
Complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	13.
Complaints confirmed	...	...	...	...	...	11.

Synopsis of Inspections made:-

Total number of inspections made	...	...	...	1,628.
Total number of inspections re-made	...	...	...	209.

Dwellinghouses:-

Water supply	...	...	...	...	...	2.
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	50.
Consolidated regulations (Housing Survey)	...	...	...	...	...	1.
Infectious Disease	10.
Clearance areas	2.

Sanitary Conveniences:-

Water closets	18.
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Refuse Disposal:-

Tips	29.
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Drains and Sewers:-

Inspections	99.
Cesspools and septic tanks	22.
Water tested	63.
Public urinals	4.

Shops Act:-

Inspections	3.
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Factories:-

Inspections	3.
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Food:-

Inspections	456.
Condemnations	124.

Miscellaneous:-

Work in progress	217.
New Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	95.
Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2.
Ponds and watercourses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10.
Petroleum licences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.

Summary of Improvements carried out under the Public Health Act, 1936:

Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6.
Drains and cesspools cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	90.
Closets provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16.
New septic tanks and drainage provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4.

Summary of Improvements carried out under Housing Acts:

Walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31.
Fireplaces repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28.
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25.
Floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40.
Sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	45.
Bathrooms and piped hot water systems provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.
W.C.s provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.
Drainage and septic tanks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The infestations which have been reported have been attended to by the Sewage Works Attendant.

Camping Sites.

There are no licensed sites and there are only four moveable dwellings which are licensed, these being used as temporary living accommodation. They were all inspected during the course of the year.

Offensive Trades.

There are three Knackers' Yards within the district; fat melting is carried out at two of these and the preparation of hound food at the third.

Slaughterhouses.

Five private slaughterhouses were in use.

Slaughter of Animals Amendment Act, 1954.

Eighteen persons in the district are licensed under the Act to slaughter animals.

Schools.

The schemes for improvement at Langton and Thixendale were in progress at the end of the year.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958. Improvement Grants.

Thirty-five applications were received and granted. This was an increase of fourteen compared with 1957.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply - Registration of Persons and Premises.

Number of premises registered as Dairies	...	...	...	1.
Number of registered retail purveyors				
resident within the district	...	...	...	9.
Number of registered retail purveyors				
resident outside the district	...	...	...	3.
Number of inspections of Dairies	...	...	...	3.

Designated Milks.

The following licences have been granted by the District Council:

Sterilised (Supplementary)	....	....	1.
Sterilised (Dealers)	....	....	4.
Pasteurised (Supplementary)	....	....	2.
Pasteurised (Dealers)	....	....	7.
Tuberculin Tested (Supplementary)	....		2.
Tuberculin Tested (Dealers)	....	....	3.

MEAT INSPECTION.

The total weight of meat and offals condemned amounted to 6,433 lbs.
100% inspection was carried out.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	526	13	8	1,075	449	-
Number inspected	526	13	8	1,075	449	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	23	10	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	30	-	1	25	21	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticercosis	5.70	-	12.5	4.46	6.9	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	10	-	-	-	4	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2.09	7.7	-	-	1.11	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

1. Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year.

(1) (a)	Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	77.
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	90.
(2) (a)	Number of dwellinghouses (included under subhead (1) above) which were inspected under the Housing Consolidation Regulations 1925 and 1932	1.
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	1.
(3)	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	Nil.
(4)	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation	40.

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notice.

Number of defective dwellinghouses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by Local Authority or their Officers	25.
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

(1)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 and as amended by the Housing Act, 1957.	
(a)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil.
(b)	Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-	
(i)	By Owners	Nil.
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil.
(2)	Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.	
(a)	Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	Nil.
(b)	Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-	
(i)	By Owners	Nil.
(ii)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	Nil.

(3) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(a) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which
Demolition Orders were made 12.

(b) Number of houses demolished in pursuance of
Demolition Orders 5.

(c) Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which
Closing Orders were made 6.

(4) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(a) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms
in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil.

(b) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms
in respect of which Closing Orders were determined
the tenement or room having been rendered fit.... Nil.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

Registration of Premises under Section 16.

Ice cream dealers 28.

Meat preparation 6.

Fish-friers 4.

WATER SAMPLES.

Thirty-five samples of water were submitted for bacteriological examination. Fifteen were of raw water, of which two were satisfactory and thirteen unsatisfactory; twenty were of treated water and all were satisfactory.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

1. Refuse Collection.

The monthly collection of non-combustible refuse has continued to function satisfactorily.

2. Sewers, Sewage Disposal, Septic Tanks and Cesspools.

The sewage works situated at Rillington, Westow, Burythorpe, West Heslerton, Sherburn, Staxton, Settrington, Duggleby and Leavening have in the main given satisfactory effluents.

